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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KAZUYUKI ICHIKAWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BINDA, G.
SERIAL NO: 10/673,155 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679
FOR: SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING :
METHOD THEREOF

Submission of Substitute Specification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.125

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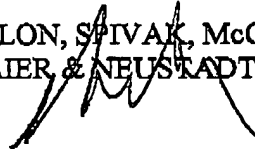
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Applicants submit herewith a Substitute Specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125. Submitted herewith is a marked-up version showing all of the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. Also submitted herewith is an accompanying clean version without markings.

Applicants submit that the substitute specification contains no new matter.
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the Substitute Specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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